(c) the remedial measures taken; and

(d) by when those shortcomings would be rectified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Maintenance of the stations and trains on Indian Railways including those in Bihar State is a continuous process. Inspections including surprise inspections are done on regular basis by Divisional and Headquarters officers under extant instructions. Deficiencies noted during the inspections are complied by the concerned officials as early as possible through departmental/ contractual agencies. Wherever considered necessary, upgradation works are sanctioned through regular Works Programme of Railways. Damage and pilferage of coach fittings, that some time happen during run, are made good during periodical maintenance.

Night vision goggles and cameras

99. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the result of the experiment of 'night-vision goggles and cameras' to make drivers see signals and tracks in zero-visibility conditions;

(b) what is the envisaged degree of reliability regarding 'Image Amplification' technique, which is innovative in nature; and

(c) whether it is Railways' own indigenous technique or it is being imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No such experiment with night vision goggles and cameras to make the drivers see signals and track in zero visibility conditions has been made.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Withdrawal of exemption of import of TMT

100. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI;
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has withdrawn the exemption of import of TMT which provides relief to domestic manufacturers of the items used for the construction sector;

(b) if so, whether steel companies ramp up output as demand rises;

(c) if so, whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. has taken the slow down of steel seriously and has pointed out that Government needs to do more to see that the steel industry remains in shape;

(d) if so, whether action taken so far indicate that Government has not appreciated the depth of the problem; and

(e) if so, the measures Government is considering to help the steel industry?